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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JIM WRIGHT, and JACQUI WRIGHT

Plaintiffs,

v.

DePUY ORTHOPAEDICS, INC., DePUY
INC., DEPUY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JOHNSON &
JOHNSON SERVICES, INC., JOHNSON &
JOHNSON INTERNATIONAL,

Defendants.

CASE NO.:

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Related to:

MDL No. 2197 in U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Ohio, Western Division,
Case No. MDL No. 1:10 md 2197

1 Plaintiffs file this Complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of
2 California. The matter is properly a member case in MDL No. 2197 pending in the Northern
3 District of Ohio, Western Division, Case No. 1:10-md-2197. The matter is filed in the Eastern
4 District of California, where it may also be properly filed, after attempts to file directly into the
5 MDL have been unsuccessful due to difficulties with ECF access. Plaintiffs consent to prompt
6 transfer of this matter.

7 The attached Short Form Complaint and related operative Long Form Complaint in the
8 MDL are hereby incorporated by reference.

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10 Dated: December 29, 2021

CLAYEO C. ARNOLD, APC

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12 By. /s/ Joshua H. Watson
13 JOSHUA H. WATSON
14 Attorneys for Plaintiff JIM WRIGHT

15 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

16 Plaintiffs demand jury trial.
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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

IN RE: DePUY ORTHOPAEDICS, INC.)
ASR HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS)
LIABILITY LITIGATION)
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MDL No. 1: 10 md 2197

**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
FOR
DePUY ORTHOPAEDICS, INC.
ASR HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION**

This applies to:

Jim Wright v. DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc. *et al.*

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiff(s),

-against-

DePUY ORTHOPAEDICS, INC., DePUY
INC., DEPUY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JOHNSON &
JOHNSON SERVICES, INC.
JOHNSON & JOHNSON INTERNATIONAL,

Defendants

**ABBREVIATED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT FOR DePUY ORTHOPAEDICS,
INC. ASR HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

1. Plaintiff(s), Jim Wright, states and brings this civil action before the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: DePUY ORTHOPAEDICS, INC. ASR HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2197. Plaintiff is filing this short form complaint as permitted by Case Management Order No.4 of this Court.

ALLEGATIONS AS TO VENUE

2. Venue of this case is appropriate in the Northern District Court of State of Ohio. Plaintiff states that but for the Order permitting direct filing into the Northern District of Ohio pursuant to Case Management Order No 4, Plaintiff would have filed in the Eastern District Court of the State of California. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests that at the time of transfer of this action back to the trial court for further proceedings that this case be transferred to the above referenced District Court.

3. Plaintiff Jim Wright is a resident and citizen of Sacramento, California and claims damages as set forth below. Plaintiff's Spouse Jacqui Wright, is a resident and citizen of Sacramento, CA and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium. *[Cross out Spousal Claim if Not Applicable]*

4. Plaintiff was born on 02/18/1955.

5. Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the _____ of the _____ having been duly appointed as the _____ by the _____ Court of _____. *[Cross out if Not Applicable]* A copy of the Letters of Administration for a wrongful death claim is annexed hereto if such letters are required

for the commencement of such a claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.

Plaintiff claims damages as a result of:

 X injury to herself/himself
 injury to the person represented
 wrongful death
 survivorship action
 X economic loss
 X loss of services
 X loss of consortium

ALLEGATIONS AS TO INJURIES

6. Plaintiff was implanted with a DePuy ASR hip implant on his/her right hip on or about 04/26/06 (date) at the Kaiser (medical center), in Sacramento, California by Dr. David Bovil.

7. Plaintiff was implanted with a DePuy ASR hip implant on his/her left hip on or about 12/05/07 (date) at the Kaiser (medical center), in Sacramento, California by Dr. David Bovil. [*Cross out if not bilateral ASR hips*]

8. On or about 9/24/20 (date), Plaintiff suffered the following personal and economic injur(ies) as a result of the implantation with the ASR hip implant: pain, suffering, medical expenses; and

further, Plaintiffs reserve all rights under law to assert all damages, regardless of date
caused by Defendants' products or actions, notwithstanding the format of this short form

9. Plaintiff had the Right ASR hip implant explanted on 9/24/20, at
Kaiser _____ (medical center and address) by Dr. Mark G. Sucher or Plaintiff will
be having the _____ ASR hip explanted on or about
_____, or Plaintiff has not yet scheduled an explantation of
the ASR hip implant. *[Cross out inapplicable sections]*

10. Plaintiff had the left ASR hip implant explanted on about 11/1/20, at
Kaiser _____ (medical center and address) by Dr. Mark G. Sucher or Plaintiff will
be having the _____ ASR hip explanted on or about _____.

11. Plaintiff(s) has suffered injuries as a result of implantation and
explantation of the DePuy ASR hip implant manufactured by defendants as shall be fully
set forth in Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents provided to the
defendants and are incorporated by reference herein.

12. At the time of implantation with the ASR hip implant,
the Plaintiff resided at 8689 Tioga Woods Dr, Sacramento, CA 95828.

[Address, city, state, zip]

13. The defendants by their actions or inactions, proximately caused
Plaintiff's injuries.

14. The plaintiff could not have known that the injuries he/she suffered were
as a result of a defect in the ASR hip implant until after the date the device was recalled
from the market and the plaintiff came to learn of the recall.

15. The plaintiff could not have known that he/she was injured by excessive levels of chromium and cobalt until after the date he/she had his/her blood drawn and he/she was advised of the results of said blood-work.

16. As a result of the injuries Plaintiff(s) sustained, he/she/they are entitled to recover compensatory damages for pain and suffering and emotional distress (*if applicable*) and for economic loss as well as punitive damages.

ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEFENDANTS
SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY

17. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiff(s) and are herein adopted by reference:

- X FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
(NEGLIGENCE);
- X SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
(NEGLIGENCE PER SE);
- X THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
(STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY-DEFECTIVE DESIGN)
- X FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY-MANUFACTURING DEFECT);
- X FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY-FAILURE TO WARN);
- X SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY);
- X SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(BREACH OF WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY)
- X EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES);

- X NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION);
- X TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT);
- X ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION);
- X TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(FRAUD AND DECEIT);
- X THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES UNDER STATE
LAW);
- X FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(MISREPRESENTATION BY OMISSION);
- X FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD);
- X SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS);
- X SEVENTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS);
- X EIGHTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(GROSS NEGLIGENCE/MALICE);
- X NINETEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(LOSS OF CONSORTIUM);
- X TWENTIETH CAUSE OF ACTION
(PUNITIVE DAMAGES)
- X TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
(MEDICAL MONITORING)
- X TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
(VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE STATE CONSUMER FRAUD
STATUTE) – **SPECIFY THE STATUTE ALLEGED** _____
- X TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(RESTITUTION OF ALL PURCHASE COSTS AND DISGORGEMENT
OF ALL PROFITS FROM MONIES THAT PLAINTIFF INCURRED IN
PURCHASE OF THE HIP IMPLANT)

PLAINTIFF(S) ASSERT(S) THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL STATE CAUSES OF
ACTION:

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages requested and according to proof;
2. For punitive or exemplary damages against Defendants;
3. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
4. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
5. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
6. For prejudgment interest and the costs of suit; and

7. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper;
8. For default judgment purposes, up to \$4,000,000.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Respectfully submitted
Counsel for Plaintiff(s)
Joshua H. Watson

Date: 12/6/2021

/s/ Joshua H. Watson